

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 31 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 29 and 32 as follows.

1. to 28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

an input unit for inputting video image data;

an icon image generation unit for generating icon image data;

a synthesizing unit for synthesizing the video image data and the icon image data;

a display control unit for displaying video and icon images based on the synthesized video and icon image data on a monitor; and

a control unit for controlling the synthesizing unit so as to change a display position of the icon image to a different position from a previous display position, while holding a display position of the video image, at each time when displaying of the icon image starts according to an operation by an operator, and so as not to change [[a]] the display position of the icon image during as the display displaying of the icon image continues.

30. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein, after an end of displaying the icon image, a display position of the icon image to be displayed next is determined.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Currently Amended) An image processing method of ~~synthesizing and displaying an input image and an icon image~~, comprising:

inputting video image data;

generating icon image data;

synthesizing the video image data and the icon image data;

displaying video and icon images based on the synthesized video and icon image data on a monitor; and

~~a controlling step of~~ controlling [[a]] display position positions of the video and the icon images so as to change the display position of the icon image to a different position from a previous display position, while holding the display position of the video image, at to change each time of starting of the when displaying of the icon image starts according to an operation by an operator, and ~~to so as not to change until an end of~~ the display position of the icon image as the displaying of the icon image continues.